

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:14.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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PERFECTING HOLINESS

Sanctification a Cleansing and Not a Filling.

BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY GHOST THE ENDUEMENT OF POWER

There is much beauty in the expression of the Psalmist where he says, "Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord." (Ps. 34:11.)

There are three special words in this verse that we want to use in connection with our subject. Come, hearken, and teach. One of the principle reasons that people are so far behind in the knowledge of God and His Bible is because they do not come in close enough touch with the Lord and His true followers, and they do not hearken to His voice, neither do they give Him a chance to teach them.

Holiness is a principle theme in the Bible, but many seem to despise the very name. The truth of it is they do not get near enough to it to keep it from looking scary. When only a small boy I was sent out by my father early one morning on an errand. My way led across a field and then into the big road, scarcely had I got into the road until my eyes caught sight of a strange object at a bridge across a stream some distance in front of me. I had often passed that way, but had never seen anything there before. I watched it as I advanced. The more I looked at it the uglier it appeared. I was really frightened, but I could not turn back because father had sent me. I forced myself along, but was afraid all the time. It looked like some kind of an animal that would be sure to get me if I got close enough to it. Closer and closer I came. My heart was almost in my throat, but I could not turn back, because I must obey father. At last when I came close enough and the morning light shone clear enough I found it was nothing but a piece of a harmless old stump somebody had rolled upon the bridge.

Holiness is so frightful to some people that they do not get close enough to know what it is. They know nothing about perfecting holiness in the fear of God, because they have never come near enough to get any benefits from such an experience. But the Psalmist says, Come, and I will teach you the fear of the Lord. To come for this purpose will mean perfecting holiness in the sight of God.

In connection with the process there is a cleansing. When only a little fellow I would get dirty and mother would have to clean me up. I would sometimes get the dirt ground into the pores of the skin so mother would have to scrub pretty hard. Out at arms length it did not hurt so much. But she would often say, "Come closer." Then I usually had to come, and it did not make any difference how much I whined and resisted that dirt had to come off of there.

That is right. Every mother ought to take spells of scrubbing up her little fellows, and she ought to rub and scrub till the dirt is off, no matter how the little fellows cry and scramble about. Clean them up, is one of the duties of the mothers. But of course you hardly expect her to clean up her children if she does not keep herself clean and tidy. There are two kinds of mothers. One is a filthy mother and one is a clean

mother. My mother was of the latter class. I had to be scrubbed and I soon learned it was just as well to take the scrubbing and earpulling in good humor. Every furrow and wrinkle in my ears had to be straightened out and all the dirt scrubbed off. My head had to be scoured frequently and the backs of my hands and between my fingers.

Come now, listen to what Paul says, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2 Cor. 7:1.) There is a double process. The flesh has to be cleansed, and the spirit has to be cleansed in order to fulfill the demand for perfecting holiness. Cleanse yourselves, comes the command. I did not always depend upon mother to scrub and clean me up. As I grew older I took up the task myself. There came a time that I could scarcely be satisfied without scrubbing my hands, face, neck, ears and head three times a day, and bathing my entire body from one to three and six times a week.

I may not be writing to any who are unclean in their habits, but Paul supposes that even holy people may become neglectful and get filthy, so he says to such, Cleanse yourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness. It looks like he may find some holy people that need their holiness perfected by a good scrubbing of some kind. The clothes have to be washed, the dishes washed, the floors scrubbed, the chairs, tables, and other furniture about the house all need cleaning up occasionally, and that occasionally almost every day.

Paul told Titus to tell the aged women to teach the younger women to be good keepers at home. This makes me think that Paul meant for them to be good house keepers and keep the rooms clean and the general appearance nice and tidy. Slovenliness in the home of a holiness woman is a reproach on the name, and experience she professes. Women are exhorted by Paul to be in behavior as becometh holiness. This means a neat clean house, and clean children as well as clean and neat herself.

But the husband and older boys must help about the matter. Men should not carry in filth and dirt and trash and litter up the house. They should do their part in helping the good house wife to keep the house clean and tidy. We are perfecting holiness now and this takes in the men, women and children. Come, now, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2 Cor. 7:1.)

The next word we want to consider is "hearken." The word is composed of two words: HEAR and KEN; the one denotes the function of the ear, the other the function of the eye. "Come, ye children, hearken unto me." Hearing and seeing are the two most acute, essential, and far-reaching senses with which our bodies are endowed. The word "hearken" expresses the united and con-

centrated powers of hearing and seeing, upon any one given thing; and when our God says to us, "Hearken!" He means that all our capacity for LOOKING and LISTENING, all our powers of undistracted attention, shall be centered upon the information He is about to give us. "Hearken unto me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord." (Isa. 51:1.)

To hearken to God! what a serene, blessed attitude of soul! To leave every receptive capacity open to Him—the ear listening, the eye looking, the heart longing, for every step of His feet, every word of His lips, and every touch of His Spirit. Listen now to me! Sanctification is a cleansing and not a filling.

In the fifty-first chapter of Isaiah, the word "hearken" is addressed three times to as many different shades of religious character. In the first verse He says "hearken" to those who seek; in the fourth verse He says "hearken" to those just entering the blessing; in the seventh verse He says "hearken" to those who are in the knowledge and conscious possession of the blessing. To teach of these "hearkens" there is attached specific instructions and promises exactly adapted to the moral state of the person addressed.

"Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord." This "hearken" is to the seeker; and whether it be the seeking for "forgiveness of sins," or seeking the perfect "cleansing from all sin," the same truth holds good in either case; and yet, judging from the fact that God is addressing His own people (verse 4), and from the instruction immediately following, it applies with special

A LARGE TENT MEETING
AT THE CORNER OF ASHBY
AND SIMPSON ON THE
RIVER OAR LINE.
COME AND SEE US SING
AND SHOUT,
AND REJOICE WITH THEM
THAT DO REJOICE.
M. S. LEMONS
Atlanta, Ga.

pointedness to those seeking entire holiness.

Come, now, "hearken unto me," have your eyes and ears wide open, and let the Lord teach you about perfecting holiness. If you have accepted holiness, then heed the admonition and have it perfected. No matter what the process, let the Holy Spirit put you through it. The process may seem long and rough, but it is the best for you, and if you keep drawing closer and hearken diligently the end will be reached in due time.

The experience we are picturing here is not the special act of sanctification that is wrought in the heart instantaneously, but we are referring to Paul's message where he urges people to "cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." There is a gradual approach to it, but there comes a time when it is done, like passing through a door that you have been approaching.

"Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me." (Isa. 51:4.) This indicates that it is possible for the Lord's people to become inactive and their spiritual sensibilities so deadened that they are not what they once were. I hear Him calling out quickly in these days when people ought to have every nerve strained to the uttermost. "Hearken unto me, *** I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people." It sometimes takes judgments—trouble—to cause the people to hearken.

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FAITHFUL—EACH MEMBER IN HIS PLACE

No Time For "Slackers." Faithfulness Essential in The Bridehood.

L. HOWARD JULLERAT.

Faithful—full of faith; disposed to believe, especially in God's promises; firm in adherence to engagements; true; loyal; worthy of confidence; accurate.

Faithfulness is essential in the Bridehood. No matter what gifts, charms, manners or wealth a bride may possess, if she is not faithful the rest is of little worth. When a husband knows that his wife is true and loyal to him his mind is at rest, there is peace and contentment on that line thousands of miles separate them. He can go forth even to the foreign battlefield with fortitude and calm resolute purpose, for the wife at home will care for the little flock and cherish the thought of her loved one.

On the other hand how sad to hear of a loved one who is not faithful. An English soldier who had been fighting in Flanders for two years was given a furlough and happy in the prospect of seeing wife and babies he trudged for eight miles thru the mud after getting off the train. When he reached home he found another man had taken his place in the home, his wife and the usurper both under the influence of liquor.

To know that one is faithful to you, has confidence in you, is truly a wonderful inspiration even in the common-place drudgery of every day life. See a humble home, not much furniture perhaps, no luxuries, no fixings, yet how happy that husband and wife appear, how contented the children as they lay with crude home-made toys. The husband and wife are faithful to each other, no third party has stepped between to cause sorrow, heartache and woe. No jealousy, no suspicion, but perfect confidence and loyalty.

A happy Christian home! The best picture here below of what heaven will be. God grant us thousands of such homes—bulwarks of the nation, pillars of the church where the sweet incense of prayer arises to God daily from the family altars, where Jesus is the head of the house, husband and wife loving each other and bringing up their children in the fear of God.

Beloved, I believe I ought to say right here that there is one thing that is causing much concern to the pastors and that is the way parents neglect their children. Unwittingly they are not faithful. You may ask in what way. Well, mothers often allow their girls to dress up in the immodest styles of the day and to adorn their bodies with jewelry. Surely this ought not to be. Then, besides these things, powder and paint are added and the children allowed to indulge in worldly amusements. O parent, thou art paving the way for sorrow upon sorrow!

How careful we should be with our children. What a grand work for God if they were so taught and controlled as to make them respect us and our God. Be faithful in the home. Begin at Jerusalem. How often does the enemy tempt good people to leave a duty near at hand and run after some praise afar off. The home should be the place where our children learn to reverence God. What an influence godly mothers have had upon their children. Be gentle, yet firm; say what you mean and

mean what you say in dealing with them. Use the rod when necessary but not in anger. We who profess to be wholly sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost ought to be ensamples to the world of faithfulness in the home. This will be manifested to the outside world. What is done in secret will be proclaimed from the housetop. Jesus could not be hid. He was faithful as a child no doubt, faithful to His Father when twelve years old, faithful to His disciples, faithful unto death even the death of the cross, faithful now and forever. Amen!

Faithfulness to the marriage vow is too often lacking in these days; men's words are soon forgotten, their promises broken; this is the divorce age.

Not long ago a couple were married in Tampa, Fla., pledged to love and cherish each other as long as they both should live, but behold, before a week was gone they were separated and divorced ready to marry again.

70,000 divorces in the United States in one year—1,200,000 in twenty years—fifty-two divorce codes in our land!

"Divorce—a tragedy next to murder in degree!"

We are fast hastening to the condition the world was in during Noah's day. Multitudes who are not divorced are living in lust, hiding their sins from the eyes of men. Be sure your sin will find you out. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. It is inevitable.

No doubt the inhabitants of Canaan had gotten so corrupt along these lines until God's Word says the land itself vomited out her inhabitants. God told His people to utterly destroy them, not to show any mercy unto them. It is awful for God's wrath to descend on any one. They were to destroy even their pictures. It would be a blessing if some of the pictures of today were consigned to the flames. You say it was cruel to utterly destroy those nations. It seemed so, but they were corrupt, licentious, reprobate and had to be destroyed lest God's people be corrupted, for they were to be a holy and separate people; they were not to make marriages with them. (How can Christians of today marry ungodly and sinful worldly people?) God told them that if they spared them they would be thorns in their sides. God's people thus kept themselves separate from other nations whose very worship was licentiousness.

The children of Israel kept the dietary and sanitary laws commanded by God and today we are told that they are the healthiest race on earth and live one third longer. They have been scattered and peeled among the nations, persecuted from century to century, no national home, a people without a country yet never losing their identity and today there are millions more of them than when numbered by Joab. God is preserving them for the role they are to play in the great drama of the last days. His Word declares they are to be restored. He is faithful that promised who also will do it.

Now Christ has a bride, too. She is preparing herself during this era in obscurity, in rejection, in exile. She is fashioning her garments for the great marriage to her kingly Bridegroom. Behold, those who follow Jesus are called and chosen and FAITHFUL. The King also is called FAITHFUL and TRUE. If we suffer we shall also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; if we are unfaithful, yet He abideth FAITHFUL. David's four hundred followed him in exile, in the plains and wilderness, but after while they shared in the glory of his kingdom. So also with us, if we are faithful—the days of trial first to prove us, to bring out the latent powers, to "win our spurs," then the reward, the honor, the glory unfading.

Now we can be faithful in every kind of service, not only the big preacher, but every member of the Church of God, and if all were faithful in their place how wonderfully active and powerful the body of Christ would be. Each member in his place, set there by the Lord Himself, actuated by Him, empowered and energized by Himself! Who can estimate the power of His people! Terrible as an army with banners! Meeting with reverses, almost overcome, but rising ever stronger until at last they go beyond the stars!

BE FAITHFUL if you are never praised or noticed, yet even if misunderstood and criticised. Go to services if only a few are present; be so in touch with God that your influence will be felt. If you are FAITHFUL He will bring His reward for you.

Fight the good fight of faith. This is no time for "slackers." We can't afford to be careless in these days. O that we might have an army of brethren and sisters who are faithful in prayer. We need more knee work. It means much to be faithful in an obscure and unpraised service. Who will volunteer? "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Notice.

To All Who Expect to Attend The General Assembly:

We have learned that there has been considerable trouble at the previous Assemblies caused by people coming in and engaging rooms and beds which had already been engaged by the church here.

We, the Church of God and the good people of Harriman, are preparing to provide free sleeping quarters for as many as possible and we want to make it as comfortable as we possibly can. Furthermore, all the rooms and beds that can be had in the city will be engaged. Of course all will pay their own bills where there are any charges.

We speak only of the sleeping quarters as there will be a restaurant in the basement of the temple run by a party outside the church, where meals and lunches will be served and all the people will bear their own expenses as you will see in another column of the Evangel.

There will be a reception committee to meet the trains and pilot the folks to the Temple and we want every person to come direct to the Assembly building where the entertainment committee will be with a list of all the places of entertainment available, both free and with charges, to assign you to which ever you desire. Some may say, "I want to stay where I stayed last year." That is all right, if it can be arranged you may have your same place, but get in touch with above mentioned committee so there will not be a complication and a lot of unnecessary work and trouble.

Don't forget the arrangements and abide by same.
Chas. M. Grisam, pastor.

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We invite all the workers to send in reports of interest from the battle field. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing. Address all communications relating to the paper, and make all drafts, checks, express and postal orders payable to A. J. TOMLINSON, 2524 East street, Cleveland, Tenn.

We will expect the overseers of the states to prepare a response at the Assembly similar to last year.

The Assembly convenes at Harriman, Tenn. Oct. 30-Nov. 5, this year. Come, and let us have one more great Assembly while Jesus tarries.

If nothing prevents more than is known now the Alabama Brass Band will favor us with their presence at the Assembly. We are truly very anxious to have them with us.

The next HOME MISSION SUNDAY will be October 13. This is the last one before the Assembly, let us rally our forces and bring up a good collection.

Our friends are doing faithful service in helping us win the ten-thousand mark, but we have not quite reached it yet. Last week we sent out nine thousand and six hundred. This leaves four hundred to get up in about five weeks. Can we make it? Surely we can. Let us buckle to it a little harder and win this victory and cast this mountain in the sea. Last week showed a gain of about one hundred; and Monday, the first day of this week shows an increase of a few more than twenty. Keep this up steadily for five weeks and we will surely go over the top so we can report ten thousand at the Assembly.

Have received a number more applications to attend the Bible Training school. If the men have to go to the camps I trust the weight and responsibility will fall upon the young women so they will come in and fill up the vacancies. Send for folder and application blank and give the matter careful consideration.

We are getting all of the Sunday School literature off in good time this quarter, but it has meant much hard work and great expense. If the prices of material keep on advancing I am afraid we will be obliged to raise our prices, but we will try to hold out till the Assembly. It certainly requires our very best efforts to finance this business through now and make ends meet. But we are glad to say, God is with us.

The tracts and booklets are going now by the thousands. This means that the message is going, and we want it to keep

on going. If you will work the business on the field we will do our best to work it here at the office, and by all working together we will get something done that will count for God and His church.

While we toil and labor let us not forget to pray and become more spiritual. It takes the deeply spiritual and the great grace to meet the demands in these days. Halfhearted efforts and surface religion will not count for much in these perilous times.

J. B. Ellis free.

Many of our people will no doubt remember a notice in the Evangel some time since stating that J. B. Ellis, overseer of Alabama, was arrested and placed in jail on a charge of violating the espionage act. At the preliminary hearing he was bound over for trial in the federal court. He was released on bond and we called him to headquarters for investigation and to make preparations for the trial. We carefully laid the plans and the case was placed in charge of our regularly employed counsel. The case was called for Sept. 23, at Birmingham. We were fully prepared. Our attorney, brother Ellis, and all the witnesses filed into the court room and announced that they were ready for trial. After some little parley and counsel on the part of the federal officers and others the attorney general marched over to our little squad of patient waiters and courteously announced to them that he would dismiss the case without going into trial. Our people through their leader politely thanked him and arose and walked away. The expression on their faces showed their gratitude as they marched away. So brother Ellis is free again. Thank God. "I find no fault in this man." (Luke 23:4), has been repeated.

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I thank God for the rest and victory in my soul. I am still striving to enter in. I thank my Savior and King for answering prayer.

Just three years ago while attending the camp meeting at Wimauma, Fla., I saw the beauty of the real Church of God and perhaps the friends there and at the church in Tampa will remember that I testified to this effect, that I believed that we were a people in Louisville without a shepherd. I also asked prayer for this place. Bless the name of Jesus! Prayer has been answered and we are going right through. Brother Gentry is our pastor.

A revival has been going on for a week with much success. One lady came to church about three weeks ago and got afraid of the wonderful power of God. She said she felt like running out of the church. We told her she ought to run to the altar. Later she saw it was the truth and did run to the altar weeping and found Jesus precious to her soul. The Lord will work.

We have had five additions to the church this week and, before the revival closes we expect more.

One Pentecostal preacher of Indianapolis, Indiana was taken into the church recently. Like others he had been, without a shepherd but at last found a church home.

Our Sunday school here is progressing nicely with Brother Charles Lockard as superintendent. It means much to study the Word of God, yea, more to apply it to our daily walk. Not hearers of the Word only, but doers, "Blessed are they that do his commandments."

To our dear soldier brethren, please remember we pray for you when we read of you in the Evangel. Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Janie Moore.

Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints:

I want to praise God this morning because I am saved and have the blessed Holy Ghost. I am so glad I am saved in these awful days when wickedness is increasing so rapidly.

I want to get closer to God and I pray that He will help me to do more for Him than ever before.

I feel that I am so unworthy but I am walking in all the light He gives me. I am cleaned up from the things of the world and have been for nearly seven years. I don't care for those things any more.

My youngest daughter also has the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I desire your prayers in behalf of my other daughter and other loved ones that they may be saved.

I want to thank God for Brother and Sister Anderson who have given the light to the church at Lonsdale. We love them very much and we know they love us. They are walking the King's highway. I never met two of the Lord's followers that I appreciated any more than they.

I have been reading the Evangel this morning. I get so much soul food from it. I have just read Brother Sam. C. Perry's article, "Suffering for the Lord." He gives some rich advice to Christians who bring upon themselves reproaches that are not persecutions for Christ's sake. We certainly do need great wisdom at all times. I am asking God for wisdom.

Thank God for the way! I want to press on and get nearer Him.

Your sister in Christ,
 Charity Hill.

Lansdowne, Pa.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for saving me and for healing my body when doctors had failed. It was on a sick bed that mother taught me to trust Jesus.

One day I caught hold by faith, praise His name, and He carried me away in a beautiful vision. I asked Him to heal me for Himself which He did. I was a stiff-necked society girl, but I told Him I would be like Mary, I would never forget Him if He would heal me.

Four years ago He called me to holiness, but I would not let Him have His way. I gave up society, burned many invitations to receptions and dances, etc., but I could not give up all. But one year and seventeen months ago I surrendered all and He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire.

Five months later He called me to teach. I had a hard time saying yes, but He held me to my promise that I made when He healed me, so I soon found myself carrying a Bible and explaining Scripture to my classmates.

The Lord used me in many meetings and I finally led meetings. Different ministers would invite me to hold services. The precious saints would help me and my dear mother who has been saved to the uttermost for eight years. The Lord gave me good true saints to help me.

Three months ago the Lord led me down to help Brother Smith and also that I might be perfected as He saw I desired to be a real saint in every respect. That little Church of God has the best meetings and the Lord blesses there more than any place I know of in Philadelphia. I have lived on the outskirts of Philadelphia sixteen years and am in town every day. I am glad I found Brothers Smith and Johnson. Of course all the saints are Christ-like, but these two helped me.

We are conducting a revival now and we are having precious

meetings. I brought a girl friend to the meeting and she was converted and requested prayer that she might get strong in the Lord. I know she wants the other experiences.

I work for the Lord any time and anywhere He leads me. I am happy only when I do His will. I am going on to know more about Him.

Your sister in Christ,
 Cora F. Sephus.

Wimauma, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

How I love Jesus today! Bless His name! I have so much to love Him for. I look back over nine years and see what I was when God found me or rather when I found God, for he had followed me for thirty-six years and wooed me with His gentle voice, calling, "Come, my child, come away from darkness and sin."

Oh, I never shall forget that night out at the little country church called Antioch. How God did use Brother Simmons to give out the Word. I became willing to forsake all and go to the altar. I felt that it was the last time I would ever hear the Spirit's voice. I thank God today because I yielded to him then. Oh, how I love him!

When I look backward and then look ahead and see what God has brought me from and that to which He is leading me on, my heart leaps and bounds for joy. I cry and laugh and shout. Oh the joy is unspeakable and full of glory! The half has never been nor never can be told. Hallelujah!

Some say we have a new religion, but I am laughing and shouting because I have the old-time religion that was enjoyed by the apostles. I love this way; the further I go the better it is.

I praise God for the faith He has given me to trust Him for soul and body. It has been eight years since I used any medicine. I have gone through some severe testings but each time Jesus was with me and carried me through.

I appreciate the Evangel. I long for its arrival each week. It gets better all the time.

Your sister in Christ,
 A. L. Douglas.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for His goodness and mercy to me and my family. Bless His name forever!

About four years ago the Lord saved and sanctified my wife and myself and at the same time baptized my wife with the Holy Ghost. I did not accept it until last May. I got ready and He baptized me. Praise His holy name!

I thank God for keeping our bodies well. During the four years we have not taken any medicine. Praise God! We have a baby girl four years old who never tasted medicine. When she gets sick she calls for prayer. Thank God for that faith in Jesus Christ! He was bruised for our iniquities and by His stripes we are healed.

I desire the prayers of every saint that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet and do His precious will.

Your brother in Christ,
 J. C. Cunningham.

Dyersburg, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Grace, Joy and Peace be Unto You:

I am praising the Lord this beautiful morning for victory, joy and peace in my soul. I thank Him for His blessings that flow in and thrill my soul at home and abroad.

Above all, I praise Him for forgiving my many sins and sanctifying me and afterward baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.

I am so glad I learned to trust

the Lord for the healing of my body. Praise His dear name! I weigh about fifty pounds more than I did when I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I am in perfect health. Glory to Jesus! Before, I took medicine every day and was sick all the time, but since I learned to trust our great and matchless Savior I am healed both soul and body.

I had a tooth that had been decaying three years. One day it was aching and I just stopped my work and asked Jesus to heal my tooth. It quit hurting. That was all I thought He would do for it, but, glory to His dear name, it has never pained me any since and is perfectly healed, with not a decayed place about it. Oh, it is wonderful!

I feel that I am so unworthy. When I go to the Lord for blessings He gives me more than I ask of Him. I only regret that I haven't spent my whole life for Him which is but our reasonable service.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may grow stronger and do more for the Lord than I ever have in the past. By His help I mean to be one of the number that have their lamps trimmed and burning and a supply of oil in their vessels.

Your sister in Christ,
 Fannie B. Duke.

Bogue, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have been praising the Lord for forty years. My sins were forgiven when I was eighteen years old. I have lived, I suppose, as other Christians do who haven't the Holy Ghost. At times the Lord seemed so near, but there have been dark days along the way.

I loved my neighbors and brethren and sister in Christ and in the midst of the tempest I could praise the Lord, but still there was a longing in my heart for a clearer evidence that I was His child in deed and in truth.

One night I blew out the light and knelt before Him and asked Him to show me some way if I were His child. After retiring and looking up toward the ceiling there appeared a dazzling oblong ring; it lingered a short time then disappeared. For two years everything went smooth, but I again became dissatisfied and again suffered many doubts and fears.

I hear so many say they know they are ready if Jesus comes. I desire such an experience. I want the saints to pray that I may receive the blessed Comforter and spend my few remaining days for the Master.

Your sister,
 Mary Weeks.

Denison, Ohio.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising the Lord for His goodness and mercy that has followed me all the days of my life. I praise Him for pardoning my sins, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost who still abides today.

I praise Him for healing my body so many times and for the many healings I have witnessed. I'm so glad He enabled me to trust Him for my body as well as my soul.

I have been afflicted for several days with lumbago and rheumatism and am here alone with no one to pray for me. I have been advised to use different remedies, but I am still holding on to the Lord and I feel better today. Praise His name! I know it pays to trust God. Please pray that the Lord will rebuke this disease that it may never return again.

Let us pray fervently that God will roll the burden of lost souls upon His people, that we may weep and cry and pray over this lost world. The Bible says, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion."

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gospel has never been preached as far as I can learn. It is a wicked place and a needy field.

Your brother in Christ,
 G. L. Watson.

Notice

To the Churches of the copper-hill District, Viz., Bell Town, Tellico Plains and Hiwassee:

There will be a district conference held at Hiwassee church the second Saturday night of October, or October 12, for the purpose of preparing the annual reports for each local church. Every assistant pastor and clerk is expected to attend and bring the church book. See 1917 minute, page 36.

Everybody is invited to attend this meeting.

W. A. Walker,
 District Overseer.

Camp Meeting Notice.

The camp meeting at Alva, Florida will begin October 23, 1918 and will continue ten days or longer as the Lord may lead. I. H. Marks in charge.

Everybody is invited to attend. Please come prepared to camp as there are not many Pentecostal people here. Please pray that the Lord will give us a gracious revival.

For further information address,

J. A. Williams.

Report.

We have just closed a meeting at Hiwassee, Tenn. The Lord blessed in every service. The saints shouted and talked in tongues, many were refreshed and enjoyed the meeting. Three were renewed, two were added to the church and one followed the Lord in water baptism. Many were convinced of the truth.

Brother Barrett and wife were with us at the beginning of the meeting and the saints from Tellico Plains rendered valuable service with their music. Brother and Sister Lee with Brother White and wife were with us in three services. We certainly appreciated their presence and enjoyed the wonderful messages delivered by Brother Lee, our overseer.

Several of the saints with Brother Yates and wife, of Lenoir City, were with us some. We are expecting them to visit us again.

May God bless the saints everywhere.

Your brother in Jesus,
 W. A. Walker.

Request.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I humbly request the saints to fast on Sunday morning October 6, and pray earnestly for my eyes. I am trusting God. I have been prayed for but have failed to get victory. I know God is able.

My eye sight was restored about six years ago, but it is failing again.

Your sister in Christ,
 Laura A. Dodd,
 Alva, Fla.

Discipline--The Foundation of Success

PERRY W. HADSOCK.

What is discipline? We all need to know. "He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity."—Job 36:10.

If God opened the ears of the people to discipline in years past, surely He will in these days of the "latter rain."

Discipline means training, subjection to control, military regulation, chastisement. This was manifested in many of our forefathers and was made more prominent in the life and teachings of Jesus. Note the manner in which He sent out the Seventy (Luke 10) and the feeding of the five thousand (Matt. 14:16-20.) It was the manner in which the multitude was arranged that enabled them to be served without trouble.

When not a few were to be healed they were placed along the side of the street in position so that the shadow of the apostle Peter could fall upon all as he passed by.

It is true indeed that discipline is the foundation of success in any undertaking, and when we come to think about it, it has its origin in the home. Notice first, "training." Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Prov. 22:6. We infer from this statement that if a child is properly taught when young and tender, when he becomes a man he will be capable of filling his place as he should.

Show me a home where there is no discipline, no training, and I will show you a disagreeable home. Why? Because God has ordained that the home should be the nursery, comparatively speaking, where the little plants are trained to grow straight and kept pruned up so when transplanted they can begin at once to develop into a nice tree. So will the child, if properly trained, be qualified to meet the duties of a "grown up." He will be trained how to talk, dress, act and conduct himself in a mannerly way. The saddest picture that can be seen is a home where training has been neglected.

Second, "Subjection"—under control. If the proper training has been given it will not be a difficult matter to control a child. If you have trouble controlling your child, think a moment and see if you have done your part toward him. Solomon also said to spare not the rod. If you love your child as you should you will see that he obeys you in every particular.

Third, "Military regulation." Note the time spent in regulating and training the soldiers that they may be successful in what they undertake. Surely parents should take more pains with their little ones than the government does with its men.

Fourth, "Chastisement." This is the means often resorted to in order to enforce subjection and submission. Somebody says, "I just can't control my children as I should, they are so bad." We know these are the days when children are more disobedient than ever before (2 Tim. 3:2,) but God has provided in every age just what is needed to carry out His will.

If discipline is enforced in our homes the young generation will have a clearer conception of what Christianity is and the church will prosper more, for we will be prompt at our post.

O Lord, open our ear to discipline that we may be successful in this race!

McCull, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for the light He has given me. I praise Him for the blessed Holy Ghost. He keeps

me free from sin day by day.

In February the Lord sent Brother C. O. Walker to this place. I had never heard a Church of God minister preach before. My wife and I had to walk about four miles, but we went and received the blessing God had for us. Praise His name! We were saved and sanctified and a little later we received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

We desire the prayers of the saints that we may stay humble and in God's will until Jesus comes or calls for us.

Please pray for our little baby. It has had bad health. We are trusting God for our bodies as His blessed Word teaches us to do.

May God bless you all.
Your brother in Christ,
Harry Whittington.

Notice.

To the Churches of God of the Grenada District:

On the second Saturday of October our district conference will convene at Stonefield church near Cascilla, Miss. All of the preachers, deacons and clerks are expected to attend this meeting. The clerks are requested to bring their church books with them. Everybody is invited.

Your humble servant,
J. W. Mullen.

Testimony.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising the Lord this morning for the love I have in heart for Him and His people. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I am a member of the Church of God.

We just have a building rented in which to have services here, but we intend to try to build a church. There are only twelve of us in the church. We desire your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,
Gertie Back.

Kindrick, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am thanking God for His goodness to me. Even in camp cars on the railroad I can feel His presence with me. Praise His name forever!

I so much appreciate the blessed Holy Ghost who guides us into all truth and helps us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Praise the Lord!

I was saved and sanctified five years ago and received the Holy Ghost in June, 1918. I am pressing on in the King's highway and hope to meet Jesus when He comes. Pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,
J. C. Cunningham.

WANTED—A good evangelist with several workers to hold a series of meetings in Miami, Florida as soon as possible. Either before or after the Assembly. Man with tent preferred. Expenses guaranteed. This is a needy field and much work to be done. Address,

T. P. Douglas,
833 Fifth Street,
Miami, Florida.

Warrior, Ala.

Dear Editor:

I desire to make a brief statement through the columns of your paper with regard to my sad condition.

I feel that I am lost, hopelessly doomed to go to hell, as a result of yielding to the influence of two Methodist preachers, Henry H. and W. A. M.—These men told me that there was nothing to the holiness people, that they only broke up other churches, caused men and their wives to separate and caused people to go

crazy, I listened to them and by so doing have lost my soul. O how sad to have to face the judgment unprepared!

O how many souls are today being kept away from God by such men! O people, do not allow such enemies to cause you to lose your soul. What has damned my soul will damn yours also.

Foster Hays.

Calton Hill, Long Island.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints Everywhere—Greetings in The Name of Jesus:

Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! I am indeed thankful for the grace of God which has been shed abroad in our hearts.

I feel like pressing on in this narrow way. I know it will take us right to heaven. It is an humble, persecuted way, but we know that the Bible says if we live godly in Christ Jesus we shall suffer persecution.

When things look discouraging we should think of how our Savior suffered and died on the cross for us. None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear to me, so that I might finish my course with joy which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify of the gospel of the grace of God. I, too, can say in the language of Paul, "The weapons of my warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."

We are living in the last days so let us walk and talk and live in a way that we shall be a light in this lost world.

I have no desire to go back to the things of the world; my eyes are on the mountain top and I am determined by the grace of God to reach the goal.

Please remember me in your prayers.

Your unworthy sister,
Nellie Harden.

Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

I am glad to report victory this morning. Praise the name of Jesus!

There is no church in this town but I belong to the church at Point, Texas. I don't have the privilege of attending often, but the deep settled peace is still in my soul.

I am only fourteen years old and the only person in this town that has the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Your brother in Christ,
Otho Leaville.

Bogalusa, La.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The work in Bogalusa is moving on very nicely. We have had some of the best prayer meetings and Sunday schools during the last few weeks I ever saw. God certainly has been manifesting His power. The prayer service last night continued until about twelve o'clock. There was shouting, dancing, talking in tongues and singing in the Spirit.

We desire that the Evangel readers pray for the work here, that we may stay in the center of God's will and that He will save and sanctify and fill many people with the Holy Ghost.

Your humble servant,
E. H. Pearson.

Eoline, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise the Lord for His goodness to me. He has saved me from sin and baptized me with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.

The Evangel comes to our home and I appreciate it so much. I enjoy reading its pages.

I have an unsaved brother in training camps who is at present sick and in the hospital, please pray that he may be healed and saved.

Your sister in Christ,
Nillie Coffee.

Report.

We have just closed a meeting near Clarksville, Tenn., a new field. The Lord blessed and gave victory. Several were saved and sanctified and three were filled with the Holy Ghost.

We didn't have enough to set the church in order so we took them in and they are members at Liverwort.

We are expecting great results later, for there were many hungry hearts and many under conviction.

Your unworthy servant,
Geo. T. Brouayer.

Notice.

The district conference of the Sobel district will be held at Sobel on Saturday, October 12, for the purpose of arranging the work and reports for the Assembly. We request all evangelists, clerks and deacons in this district, also anybody else that can, to be present. This district includes Liverwort, White Oak Flat, King's Chapel and White Bluff.

We are expecting a good time in the Lord. There will be all day meeting on Sunday following.

Your unworthy servant,
Geo. T. Brouayer.

Marietta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for being so good to me. I was a member of the Baptist church for about seventeen years and tried to live a true Christian life.

Finally my sister-in-law came to see me and told me about holiness. Sister Chambers sent me some of the Church of God literature. I saw that the Lord had a greater blessing for me so I prayed for about three weeks and, praise the Lord, at home alone with my little children, He wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and I spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

The Lord has so greatly blessed me. He has healed my children many times. Praise His precious name!

Please pray for me and for my husband that he may be saved.

Your sister in Christ,
Mary Gibson.

Notice.

The recent notice from Miami, Fla., that appeared in the Evangel should have read, Mrs. Blanche Haight instead of Mrs. Blanche Knight.

Bybee, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise Jesus for victory today. I am so glad He helped me to turn from sin and accept Him as my Savior. Praise the Lord!

Brother Letsinger has been here twice and preached for us. We have no church building yet but we hope to have one soon.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may ever stand true.

Yours in Christ,
Minnie Miller.

Eldorado, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for victory in my soul. Bless His name! I am saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Glory to God! I praise Him for the love I have for everybody. I am going through with Jesus at any cost. I want to live holy and spotless before my Master so that when I meet Him He will not say, "Depart, I know you not."

I desire your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,
Elsie Dempsey.

The Speaking in Tongues, Scriptural. A Bible Reading on The Subject.

SAM. C. PERRY.

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues." Mark 16:17.

This speaking in new tongues, or other tongues, is set forth by the Savior Himself, as accompanying the miraculous manifestations of the preaching of the gospel when it was set forth in its greatest fullness upon earth. There is no low water mark, or ebbing tide about this, it represents the religion of Jesus Christ at its best, and in its greatest might and power.

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." John 15:26.

The Holy Ghost, who is about to come to the hearts of believers in His fullness to bring in an experience long promised, must have a definite showing, or manifestation, so it is said "he shall testify." Other things marvelous and miraculous had been done through the followers of the Lord. They had left all to follow Him, His life was manifested to and in them, they had suffered for Him, had seen the working of miracles, but now the Holy Spirit, the Comforter is to be given and when He comes shall be known because He shall testify or speak of Jesus and His work.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

On men and women whose sincerity has never been questioned, the Spirit of God is poured out and they speak with other tongues as He gives utterance. They are God's people, and wait for the full bestowment of His power, what right have they to refuse God in this any more than in anything else? If He desires to speak through them, it is His right. So He moved upon them, and spake through them by His Spirit, and for the same reason He speaks through His own today.

"And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" Acts 2:8.

They did not speak "Gibberish" or utter unintelligible sounds, as some would vainly charge today, but in the native tongues of this multitude from many countries. Some say there was no speaking in other languages, but that the people were only made to hear, but they said "We do hear them speak in our tongues." (Verse 11.) Surely no honest reader of God's Word could mistake the plain sense of this passage.

"For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." Acts 10:46.

This speaking in tongues was the same as at Pentecost, and God was magnified therein. If the tongues of Pentecost could be repeated once, why not many times? If they could be repeated eight years after Pentecost, why not two thousand years after? Jesus Christ is said to be "the same yesterday, today and forever." Heb. 13:8, and if He has changed on one point what evidence have we that any of the other provisions laid by Jesus and His apostles are the same? If the foundation laid by Jesus and His apostles has been torn up or changed, how are we to build to it.

"And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied." Acts 19:6.

Saint Paul was not even converted when at Pentecost the first manifestation of tongues was heard, but now it follows his ministry, twenty years after

Pentecost, and is accompanied with prophesying as at Pentecost. Strange Paul should have gotten this blessing, and power to dispense it to others if it were only for the apostles at Pentecost.

"To another the working of miracles; to another prophesying; to another discerning of spirits; to another the interpretation of tongues:

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will." 1 Cor. 12:10,11.

Here is a speaking in tongues that is classed with miracles, prophecy, etc., wrought by the Spirit of God. Nothing could be counterfeit, spurious, or worthless in such a class as this and from such a source. Surely the opposers to speaking in tongues could not fail to see that with God as its source, and His best gifts its companions, a thing could not be bad.

"And God set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily, prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?" 1 Cor. 12:28,30.

Again God takes a hand in speaking with tongues, and while setting in the church those powers and gifts that are necessary to its establishment and maintenance, such as apostles, prophets, teachers, healings, etc., He gives the power to speak in divers kinds of tongues. If tongues are so hateful, and to be shunned like an adder (according to the teachings of many modern professors) why did God give them to men and women who were blessed beyond any mortals who ever lived on earth? When they asked bread did they get a stone? No, by no means. They asked for bread and received it, and the speaking in tongues was a glorious heaven-sent blessing that accompanied it. God's best comes this way.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." 1 Cor. 13:1.

As sacred as the speaking in tongues may be, like some other things, it may be indulged improperly, or to the neglect of other things more important. It is not wise to exalt any gift or bestowment above the Master. He must be above all.

"For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue, speaketh not unto men but unto God." 1 Cor. 14:2.

If the exercise of tongues may be a channel of approach to God in any sense it must be counted a blessing. Nothing so used could be lightly esteemed.

"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself." 1 Cor. 14:4.

Whatever edifies a child of God has the stamp of heaven upon it, unmistakably, and cannot be of Satanic origin. Of course the tongues that Satan produces could not bless God's children. But the apostle is not dealing with such here.

"I would that ye all spake with tongues." (1 Cor. 14:5.)

Many do not seem to realize that this was Paul's attitude toward the speaking in tongues. "Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret." 1 Cor. 14:13.

The apostle would regulate the use of speaking in tongues, not by putting it out, but by praying for interpretation. This is quite different from some opposers of today.

"I thank my God that I speak with tongues more than ye all." 1 Cor. 14:18.

He surely must have found some good service for tongues, to be so much exercised therein. God has surely set His seal forever on this practice by blessing a man like this so much as He did.

SHALL THE WOMEN PREACH?

PEARL CREEK.

In studying this question some are ready to say, "No; for in 1 Cor. 14:34, we read: Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law." We find in Genesis 3:16 what the law says about it: "He shall rule over thee."

In 1 Tim. 2:11, 12 we read: "Let the women learn in silence with all subjection for I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."

If we consult the dictionary we will find that the word "obedience" in 1 Cor. 14:34 means "subject to authority; submissive." In the second Scripture already referred to, Gen. 3:16, we very readily see that the men are to make the rules or laws and the women are to abide by them. In the next Scripture, 1 Tim. 2:12, are three words the definitions of which we shall see what Webster gives. We want to be very sure whether or not Paul teaches that women shall not preach. The first is "teach" which means to tell or counsel; the second is "usurp" which means to seize and hold by force; the third is "authority" which Webster says is rightful power. Paul makes it plain that the women are not to counsel the men about business affairs. The women are not to seize and hold by force the rightful power of the men. In many churches there are more women than men, so if business questions were left to a vote the women might seize and hold by vote the rightful power of the men. I am so glad the Church of God has no voting, but the men decide the business questions and settle them according to Paul's teaching.

We will look a little further in the Scriptures and see if we can find an answer to the question, "Shall the women preach?" In Rom. 16:1 we read of Phoebe who labored with Paul in the spread of the gospel. In Rom. 16:3 he tells about Aquila and Priscilla, a man and his wife, who had helped him in upholding the cause of Christ. In Rom. 16:6 we read of Mary who had not been idle during Paul's ministry.

Let us see Acts 21:9. "The same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy." Acts 6:3-5 tells us that Philip, the father of these four daughters, was a man of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom. Surely a man so close to God as that would not have so many preachers among his family of girls if it were displeasing in the sight of God.

In Acts 2:17, 18, God Himself gives us a clear answer as to whether women shall preach. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, (or preach) and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams; and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out of my Spirit and they shall prophesy." The servants here might be men or women, but the handmaidens are women. God did not say that this may take place in the last days, but He says it SHALL. Also read Joel 2:28, 29.

The prophet Isaiah saw a time when the women would be careless and too much at ease. See Isa. 32:9, 11. "Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come." Is this not the day that Isaiah saw? I fear many souls are in sin today who would know the joy of salvation if the women had been true to God.

So many women, and I might say most women, spend their time in hunting up the latest

fashions and looking over fashion plates when God would be better pleased if they were studying His Word.

The carelessness of women concerning the cause of Christ and their hearts being carried away with pride has brought us to the fulfillment of Isa. 3:16-26. He says because of this pride "Thy men shall fall by the sword and thy mighty in the war." The women of the world have been so proud that God is going to humble us by letting us see our men fall by the sword. The women of the countries engaged in war coming down from their pride and praying to God in sackcloth and ashes as the people of Nineveh did, would perhaps bring the war to an end as quickly as anything else.

Shall the women preach? Yes, and if there is a time when it is more important that they be at it than at other times it must be now.

PERFECTING HOLINESS
(Continued from page 1.)

When God sounds the alarm by the use of this second "hearken," it is at the time when we are rapidly approaching the end. And we believe this time is upon us now. Every child of God should be on the alert—wide awake. When a mere child sometimes mother and myself would be left alone at night. I would get sleepy, and well do I remember that sometimes an unusual sound would reach the ears of mother, and she would say "Hearken, what's that?" Although the sound was not heard by the sleepy child, as soon as mother said, Hearken, I was all eyes and ears.

I believe God is saying "Hearken," today, by the judgments that are in the earth as well as by His blessed and ever watchful Holy Spirit. And we want to do our part in sounding the alarm. The Evangel is on the watch-tower. It must fill its mission. It must not become sleepy and dilatory. It is our purpose to get the Lord's people thoroughly aroused and perfected in holiness so they will be on tip-toe with every nerve center open listening for the trumpet sound, and watching for the coming of the Lord.

A third "Hearken" is given in the same chapter. No word can express it any better. This time the Lord says, "Hearken unto me." This is the third time, and still closer to the end. (Isa. 51:7.) The soul has been perfected in holiness, and evidently been baptized with the Holy Ghost. Still it is necessary to have every avenue of the soul charged with the current of heavenly fire direct from the power-house of glory. "Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be afraid of their revilings."

This is a bugle-call for patient, loving heroism on the part of those who have received the endowment of power that accompanies the reception of the mighty Holy Ghost. Those who are baptized with the Holy Ghost must be brave, loving, long-suffering witnesses to the great salvation found. The voice now commands the purified soul not to fear reproach or revilings that are sure to follow.

Following this third hearken, as if it is scarcely strong enough yet, are the words, "Awake, awake, put on strength, *** awake as in the ancient days, in the generations of old." This reminds me of Elijah and Elisha, and other great men of God, where they waxed valiant and did exploits. Elijah stood alone against 450 prophets of Baal and called fire down from heaven which consumed the sacrifice. This was done in the face of opposition, and in the very presence of his enemies. Elisha was surrounded by the

armies of his enemies and at his word they were smitten with blindness and he was able to lead them into a certain city and ordered them to be fed and well treated.

Mighty things are to be done in the last days by those who hearken and are thoroughly awake. But those who will not hearken will meet with discouragement and final defeat. Awake, and put on strength, are two mighty "last days" factors in winning the final victory.

The last word to consider is "teach." We have considered "Come" and "Hearken," and now the text says "I will teach you." But some are not teachable therefore the Teacher cannot teach them. But those that will come, and hearken, are both teachable and will be taught. There is a school room into which this class will be promoted that others will never have an opportunity to peep into.

Much of the teaching may be done by human instrumentality, but it will be sound, and full of the sweet ring of holiness. Unholy teachers will not be employed in this sacred school. Teachers that are not sound in faith and doctrine will have no place over in that realm of learning. These instructors will teach the fear of the Lord. But there is a class that is trying to wedge in with the deeply spiritual "feeding themselves without fear" (Jude 12.)

The Church of God Evangel stands uncompromisingly for the true teaching, and although there might be something occasionally slip into its columns that may seem to be slightly mixed with error, yet the standard is not to be lowered by it. "Perfecting holiness in the fear of God" is one theme, "sanctification a cleansing and not a filling" is another, and the "baptism with the Holy Ghost the endowment of power" is a third, and these all weave into one beautiful theme that we might name God's eternal plan of salvation for the human race.

One more word about teaching before we close. In giving certain instructions and warnings to the church at Corinth Paul said, "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers" (1 Cor. 4:7.) This seems to carry with it a little deeper experience, and shows more of a fatherly care than merely to be a teacher. Then it is not enough to have instructors, there must be some fathers. This means close care and watchfulness. Men that have hearkened, and are always wide awake, and that may have power sufficient for every emergency.

I want every member of the great Church of God to be perfected in holiness and learn the fear of the Lord, and always hearken to His voice.

Cedar Grove, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. I praise Him for the blessed Holy Ghost who abides in my heart. I am so thankful for this way. It grows brighter every day. Thank God!

I have just closed a revival at Cedar Grove. God wonderfully blessed. It seemed to be a time when all the saints came together and surely drew very close to God. Souls were saved and sanctified and some received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We closed with souls at the altar seeking salvation. They need our prayers.

The church seemed to be in good condition. The saints loved each other and all could rejoice together in God's love.

Pray that God will continue to bless and prosper the work.

Your brother in Jesus,
F. B. Worley.

Afton, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I met the saints of God a few months ago and had them pray for me that I might receive my sight. I think I shall receive it when I do what God wants me to do.

In a vision He told me that He would make me whole and give me my eyesight if I would serve Him more sincerely than I ever had before. I fasted and prayed three days and was given another vision in which He told me that He had started out to conquer the world and asked me to help. I asked what I could do. He said to tell the people to humble themselves.

I have been blind many years and have the care of three boys who are bereft of a father's prayers and advice. I want all who read this to send a prayer to heaven for me that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and my sight.

Your sister in Christ,
Sarah Stocton.

Testimony.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising the Lord for picking me up out of sin and placing me upon the Rock which is Christ Jesus. I praise Him for victory over sin and the devil. I am saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and on the run for heaven.

I want to live such a life that others will see and realize that I am walking with and living for Jesus. I want to win souls for my blessed Savior who died for me.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Roy Morrisett.

Alabama City, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for joy and peace that I have in my soul just now. I praise Him for the old-time religion that makes us shout and love everybody which includes our enemies.

I praise Him for grace that helps me to stand and be an overcomer. "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Oh, I want to go to heaven! I want to be ready when Jesus comes or calls.

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Your sister in Christ,
Mary Griggs.

Fla. State Camp Meeting.

Wimauma, Fla. Oct. 10-20. Everybody cordially invited. Accommodations for all visitors as far as possible.

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The ladies' dormitory will accommodate the ladies, and it is hoped the men's dormitory will be ready for the men. We would like to ask all the churches and any individuals who will to send donations for the purpose of completing the men's dormitory to O. A. Edenfield, Wimauma, Fla. at once.

Object of meeting, the salvation, sanctification and baptism of souls, and the building up of the church in general, preparatory to the coming of the Lord. Brother J. W. Pitcher of Baltimore, Md., will be in charge of the services, assisted by others as the Lord may direct.

For any further information write Brother W. S. Caruthers, Wimauma, Fla.

Notice.

I desire all the members of the Church of God at White Oak Mountain to write me. I want to get all the names enrolled.

Your pastor,
Lee Stanley,
4005 Ocoee St.,
Cleveland, Tenn.

Requests.

Mrs. M. A. Crider of Sewanne, Ga., desire prayer for the healing of her body.

Prayer is requested for Brother Arthur Smith of Morristown, Tenn., who recently sustained a serious injury as a result of a fall.

Notice.

A meeting will begin at Melrose, Ga. October 9, D. V., and will continue until the 13, inclusive. On the 12, will be the regular district conference for the Valdosta district which includes Lowndes, Brooks, Echols, Clinch and Thomas counties, also the church at Moniac, Ga. All the clerks and pastors in above district are expected to be there at least on Saturday, the 12.

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